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Today, all over the world, concerned citizens are coming together to celebrate the 38th annual Earth Day.

We are constantly reminded of the serious environmental challenges that our country, and our world, are facing.

Global warming is a serious threat, but also presents the opportunity to develop the clean energy economy.

Today, Earth Day, is an important opportunity to rededicate ourselves, both as individuals and as a country.

Earth Day is also an important opportunity to look forwards towards a greener tomorrow. We should remember that.

As important as combating climate change is, Earth Day also reminds us of the other crucial environmental issues.

I am optimistic about our environmental future. Looking forward, I see an America that runs on clean sources of energy.

I commend the organizers of Earth Day and the millions of people around the globe who are participating.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in supporting the goals and ideals of Earth Day.